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Mr. Brendan O'Connor
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FOIPA Request No.: 1358905-000
Subject: Cody, John

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for FBI records concerning John Cody. This letter will serve to document your email exchange with my representative on October 17, 2018.

My representative explained that your request is currently in the large track of our multi-track backlog of unassigned FOIA requests. This track contains requests for records in excess of 950 pages and assignments from this queue to our FOIA Processing Units are typically delayed for a significant amount of time. My representative indicated that the FBI located approximately 1,361 pages potentially related to your subject and you were offered the opportunity to reduce the scope of your request to accelerate its assignment for processing. Based on that exchange, you agreed to process the file up to 950 pages. Duplicate and administrative documents have been removed. Sections 1 through 3 and partial processing of section 4 will be reviewed for this request. There are other records previously processed which will be mailed out to you shortly. You were also informed that upon completion of this request, you may submit another request for additional records.

Through negotiation, your request was reduced from a large track request of 1,361 pages to a medium track request of 896 pages, which will speed the processing time. We certainly appreciate your consideration in this matter and solicit your continued patience.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my representative at 540-868-4894. You may also submit questions via the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", is written above the typed name.

David M. Hardy
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